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Draft report*

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VI. FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE: CALENDAR AND PRIORITIES

1. The Committee discussed matters relating to this item at the 5th to 7th plenary meetings, from 17 to 19 March 1993.

Calendar

2. The Committee recalled the scheduling of its eighth session, from 16 to 27 August 1993 at Geneva, and requested the secretariat to make arrangements for two sessions in 1994 and one in 1995, with tentative dates and places as follows:

7-18 February 1994, Geneva
22-31 August 1994, Geneva
Two weeks in February 1995, New York

3. The Committee noted that its schedule for 1994 and 1995 would need to be approved by the General Assembly, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 and on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences. It further noted that its schedule beyond 1993 would need to be reviewed in the light of progress made towards the entry into force of the Convention and the consequential scheduling of the first session of the Conference of the Parties.

4. The Committee noted with appreciation that the Government of Germany was making plans to act as host for the first session of the Conference of the Parties, tentatively scheduled to be held in early 1995.

Priorities

5. On the recommendation of the officers of Working Group I, the Committee decided that, at its eighth session, Working Group I should start consideration of matters relating to the following tasks defined at its sixth session (see A/AC.237/24 and Corr.1, paras. 43 to 46 and annex I).

Task A.1. Methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases

Review of information from IPCC on the progress of relevant work; consideration of issues to be addressed by the Committee and the Conference of the Parties.

Task A.2. Criteria for joint implementation

Review of available information and decisions on further work.

Task A.3. First review of the information communicated by each Party included in annex I of the Convention

Consideration of:

(a) Formats and contents of communications;

(b) Methodologies for evaluating the effectiveness of measures;

(c) Compilation and synthesis of information in communications for purposes of aggregation, assessment of overall effects and report on implementation.

6. In dealing with each of these matters, Working Group I would consider, as appropriate, the role of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention.

7. Also during the eighth session, Working Group II should continue consideration of the items before it at the seventh session.

8. The Committee requested the Executive Secretary to draw up the provisional agenda for its eighth session, taking account of these conclusions, in consultation with the Chairman and the Bureau. It also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare adequate documentation for its work at the session.

Scientific and technical advice from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

9. The Committee had before it the letter from the Chairman of IPCC to the Chairman of the Committee (A/AC.237/29, annex) and of the reply of the Chairman of the Committee to the Chairman of IPCC (A/AC.237/30, annex). Statements were made by two delegations.

10. The Committee took note of this exchange of letters, noting further that the matters raised therein could be considered by Working Group I during the eighth session.